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(VALENTIN ZORIN COMMENTARY)

(TEXT) A POLITICAL BOMB HAS EXPLODED IN WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT: CIA DIRECTOR JOHN MCCONE. FOR SEVERAL YEARS MCCONE WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST-POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY. THIS POWER WAS DUE NOT SO MUCH TO HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES AS TO THE EXTREMELY BIG ROLE PLAYED IN WASHINGTON TODAY BY THE CIA AND TO HIS IMMENSE PERSONAL WEALTH. HE WAS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH A GROUP OF CALIFORNIA BILLIONAIRES AND ALSO OWNED A SIZEABLE HOLDING IN ROCKEFELLER ENTERPRISES. IN THE U.S. CAPITAL HE REPRESENTED THE INTERESTS OF THE RULING CIRCLES OF BIG BUSINESS. IN ANY EVENT MCCONE'S NAME WAS USUALLY MENTIONED AFTER THE NAMES OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE.

AND NOW THIS PILLAR OF THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PROSCENIUM AND REPLACED BY ADMIRAL RABORN, WHO PREVIOUSLY HEADED A LARGE COMPANY PRODUCING ROCKETS. IT IS NATURAL THAT POLITICAL COMMENTATORS ARE NOW ASKING WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR MCCONE'S SENSATIONAL RESIGNATION. IN THIS CONNECTION ONE SHOULD REFER TO A SIGNIFICANT ANALOGY. IN 1961 MCCONE TOOK OVER THE POST OF CIA HEAD FROM THE INFAMOUS ALLAN DULLES. THE RESIGNATION OF ALLAN DULLES, WHO FOR MANY YEARS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN WASHINGTON, WAS CONNECTED WITH THE SHAMEFUL FAILURE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IN CUBA. DULLES WAS THEN MADE A SCAPEGOAT FOR THIS FAILURE, AND HE WAS GIVEN BLAME FOR THE WASHINGTON LEADERS BEING INSUFFICIENTLY INFORMED, WHICH, IT WAS SAID, LED TO THE FAILURE OF THE INVASION.

MCCONE'S RESIGNATION FOLLOWED A NO LESS SERIOUS FAILURE SUFFERED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM, THIS TIME IN ITS ADVENTURES IN THE INDOCHINA PENINSULA. AND THE QUESTION ARISES INVOLUNTARILY: DID WASHINGTON NEED A NEW SCAPEGOAT, A MAN ON WHOM THE BLAME COULD BE LAID FOR THE OVERWHELMING FAILURE? IN ANY EVENT IT IS EVIDENT THAT IN ORDER TO REMOVE SUCH AN INFLUENTIAL MAN AS MCCONE MORE THAN WEIGHTY REASONS ARE REQUIRED. EVERY DAY THE SIGNS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM'S LARGE-SCALE POLITICAL DIFFICULTY IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ADVENTURE AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE MULTIPLYING, AND NO AMOUNT OF RESHUFFLING OF THE WASHINGTON POLITICAL PACK CAN WEAKEN OR DISGUISE THIS DEFEAT.

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